GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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KILLER BUG
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have come to any conclusion about the `Killer Bug` which claimed over 40 lives in Siliguri earlier this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different medical research centres like ICMR, NICD and AIIMS have come to different conclusions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to identify the virulent?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (e) The outbreak in Siliguri District of West Bengal was investigated by agencies like ICMR, NICD, AIIMS etc. The investigations carried out so far have not been able to give a confirmatory diagnosis. The issue stands referred to Centre for Disease Control (CDC), Atlanta, USA for investigation and report.